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We claim:

 A method for inhibiting the activity of MMTV-like retrovirus reverse transcriptase comprising contacting the retrovirus with an effective amount of adefovir or tenofovir.

- 2. A method for inhibiting the replication of MMTV-like retroviruses comprising contacting the retrovirus with an effective amount of adefovir or tenofovir.
- A method for treating mammalian breast cancer comprising administering an effective amount of adefovir or tenofovir.
- 4. A method for treating human primary biliary cirrhosis comprising administering an effective amount of adefovir or tenofovir.
- 5. A method for treating mammalian breast cancer comprising administering from about 10 mg to about 100 mg of adefovir dipivoxil.
- 6. A method for treating human primary biliary cirrhosis comprising administering from about 10 mg to about 100 mg of adefovir dipivoxil.
- 7. A method for treating mammalian breast cancer comprising administering from about 10 mg to about 1000 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate.
- 8. A method for treating human primary biliary cirrhosis comprising administering from about 10 mg to about 1000 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate.
- 9. A method of claims 4 to 8 further comprising administering a second therapeutic agent.